

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A messaging system comprising:
a processor; and
a memory device coupled to the processor, the memory device storing instructions for generating a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface operable to present:
an address menu having an identification field with a plurality of associated address fields, each of the plurality of associated address fields operable to maintain an address;
a selector to initiate presentation of the address menu at the graphical user interface for user selection of multiple addresses from the plurality of associated address fields of the identification field; and
an address box associated with an outgoing electronic message, the address box capable of receiving one or more user-selected addresses from the plurality of associated address fields of the identification field for subsequent transfer of the outgoing electronic message to a respective destination associated with each of the one or more user-selected addresses;
wherein the messaging system is operable to:
automatically, without user interaction, convert a first file attached to the outgoing electronic message, the first file having an initial format, to produce a second file having a different format; and
automatically attach the second file to the outgoing electronic message.
2. (Previously presented) The messaging system of claim 1, wherein the identification field maintains a contact alias for a potential recipient of the outgoing electronic message.

3. (Previously presented) The messaging system of claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface is further operable to present:

a first address menu for a first user and a second address menu for a second user; and
an interface engine associated with the messaging system and operable to
communicatively couple a remote computer associated with the first user to the
messaging system.

4. (Previously presented) The messaging system of claim 3, wherein the messaging system is operable to initiate communication of internet protocol packets.

5-7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously presented) The messaging system of claim 1, wherein the identification field is operable to maintain a contact name, and wherein the plurality of associated address fields includes:

a first address field configured to store a first address associated with the contact name;
and

a second address field configured to store a second address associated with the contact name;

wherein the first address is one of an email address, a telephone number, an instant messaging address, a short messaging service address, an enhanced messaging service address, a multimedia messaging service address, and a facsimile number.

9-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
initiating presentation of a first user-selectable item;
receiving a first signal indicating user selection of the first user-selectable item;
initiating, in response to the first signal, an address graphical user interface (GUI)
element to present an address menu comprising contact information of at least one
potential addressee, the contact information of the at least one potential addressee
including a first selectable address associated with a first address format type and
a second selectable address associated with a second address format type;
initiating, in response to a selection of the first selectable address at the address menu,
presentation of the first selectable address in an address box associated with an
outgoing electronic message;
attaching a first file to the outgoing electronic message, the first file having an initial
format;
automatically converting the first file to produce a second file having a different format,
wherein the different format differs from the initial format, and attaching the
second file to the outgoing electronic message; and
formatting the outgoing electronic message, without user interaction, into a third format
that is based at least in part on the first address format type.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
receiving a second signal indicating a request to prepare the outgoing electronic message;
and
initiating presentation of a messaging graphical user interface GUI to present a message
composition template comprising the address box and a message input box.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
modifying the address menu in response to a user input comprising addition of another
potential addressee; and
subsequently re-initiating the address graphical user interface GUI element;
wherein the address menu comprises contact information for the at least one potential
addressee and the another potential addressee.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising:
initiating presentation of a second user-selectable item associated with sending the
outgoing electronic message to the first selectable address in the address box and
to the second selectable address in the address box.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
receiving a second signal indicating user selection of the second user-selectable item; and
in response to receiving the second signal, initiating communication of the outgoing
electronic message to the first selectable address and to the second selectable
address.

18-19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently amended) A non-transitory machine-readable storage medium including machine-executable instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:

- provide a user-selectable button in connection with preparation of an outgoing electronic message;
- initiate a graphical user interface (~~GUI~~) element in response to selection of the user-selectable button, the graphical user interface GUI element enabling a user to select at least one address for the outgoing electronic message, the graphical user interface GUI element comprising an address menu having an identification field with a plurality of associated address fields, each of the plurality of associated address fields operable to maintain an address;
- receive a selection of a first address via the graphical user interface GUI element, the first address associated with an address format type;
- populate an address box of the outgoing electronic message with the first address;
- attach a first file to the outgoing electronic message, the first file having an initial format;
- automatically convert the first file to produce a second file, the second file having a different format that differs from the initial format, and attach the second file to the outgoing electronic message; and
- modify a third format of the outgoing electronic message, without user interaction, wherein the third format is based at least in part on the address format type.

21-22. (Canceled).

23. (Previously presented) The messaging system of claim 1, wherein the initial format is a .wav format and the different format is a text format.

24. (Previously presented) The messaging system of claim 1, further comprising displaying a first indicator indicating that the first file is attached to the outgoing electronic message and concurrently displaying a second indicator indicating that the second file is attached to the outgoing electronic message.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
recognizing a second selection of the second selectable address and, in response to the
second selection, initiating presentation of the second selectable address in the
address box associated with the outgoing electronic message; and
formatting the outgoing electronic message, without user interaction, into a fourth format
that is based in part on the second address format type.
26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the initial format is a .wav
format and the different format is a text format.
27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the different format is based
at least in part on the first address format type.
28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising displaying a first
indicator indicating that the first file is attached to the outgoing electronic message and
concurrently displaying a second indicator indicating that the second file is attached to the
outgoing electronic message.
29. (Previously presented) The non-transitory machine-readable storage medium of
claim 20, wherein the initial format is a .wav format and the different format is a text format.
30. (Previously presented) The non-transitory machine-readable storage medium of
claim 20, wherein the different format is based at least in part on the address format type.
31. (Previously presented) The non-transitory machine-readable storage medium of
claim 20, further comprising machine-executable instructions that, when executed, cause the
machine to display a first indication that the first file is attached to the outgoing electronic
message and to concurrently display a second indication that the second file is attached to the
outgoing electronic message.